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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH AVEROFF

1. FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AVEROFF HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME TO TELL ME THAT THE TURKS HAVE GIVEN UP AIRPORT TO UNITED NATIONS. HOWEVER TURKISH ARMED FORCES ARE NOW ADVANCING FROM THEIR BRIDGEHEAD, PRESUMABLY IN KYRENIA, EAST, WEST AND SOUTH OF NICOSIA. AVEROFF SAID HE IS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM HIS MILITARY COLLEAGUES FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION. ONE SUGGESTION HAS BEEN TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION THAT IF TURKISH FORCES DO NOT RETIRE TO THE POSTIONS THEY OCCUPIED AT THE TIME OF THE CEASEFIRE GREECE WILL FEEL FREE TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS.

2. HE THEN TOLD ME KARAMANLIS IS ON HIS WAY BACK FROM PARIS IN AN AIRPLANE PROVIDED BY PRESIDENT OF FRANCE GISCARD D'ESTAING. HE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT ONE-THIRTY A.M. JULY 24. AFTER SOME CONSULTATION HE WILL FORM A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS TO BE SWORN IN BEFORE DAWN.

3. AVEROFF VERY CONCERNED WITH POSITION OF KARAMANLIS IF, AS HE BECOMES PRIME MINISTER, HE FACES DISASTER IN CYPRUS AS HIS  
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FIRST MAJOR CRISIS. AVEROFF ADDED THAT PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS

EXPECTING TO REMAIN IN OFFICE AND CLOSED BY STRESSING THE URGENCY  
OF IMMEDIATE ACTION TO STOP TURKISH ARMED FORCES.

4. WHEN HE HUNG UP I RECEIVED IMMEDIATELY A PHONE CALL FROM  
GEORGE MAVROS, HEAD OF THE CENTER UNION PARTY, WHO IS EXPECTED  
TO BE VICE PRIME MINISTER IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HE REQUESTED  
ME TO GO URGENTLY TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS  
BECAUSE THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF  
CONTEMPLATING MOST SERIOUS MEASURES BECAUSE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN  
CYPRUS. I AM ON MY WAY.  
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